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SUBJECT: F104 REPLACEMENT: MAGAZINE OF EUROPEAN MOVEMENT IN
NETHERLANDS SUPPORTS MIRAGE

1. IN OCTOBER ISSUE OF NIEUW EUROPA, MONTHLY PUBLICATION
OF THE EUROPEAN MOVEMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS, EDITOR CALLS
ON FOUR-COUNTRY CONSORTIUM TO SELECT MIRAGE AS REPLACE-
MENT FOR F104S. ARTICLE SAYS THAT IT OBVIOUS THAT
EUROPEAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THE MIRAGE.

2. CHOICE DESCRIBED AS BEING BETWEEN TWO U.S. CONTENDERS
AND MIRAGE. THE VIGGEN IS LEFT OUT OF DISCUSSION BY BOTH
ATLANTICISTS AND EUROPEANISTS, BECAUSE SWEDEN IS OUTSIDE
ATLANTIC AND EUROPEAN ORGANIZATIONS. EDITOR SAYS THAT
THREE CONTENDERS ARE ASSUMED TO BE EQUAL, OR NEARLY SO,
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IN PERFORMANCE IN THAT ALL MEET MILITARY-TECHNICAL AND

FINANCIAL NORMS SET BY CONSORTIUM.

3. ACCORDING TO EDITORIAL, CHOICE IS NOT ONE BETWEEN EUROPEA AND AMERICAN BUT BETWEEN AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES. BASIS FOR DEVELOPING EUROPEAN AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY IS NOW PRESENT, AND SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED, BUT CHOICE OF AMERICAN REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT WOULD UNDERMINE COOPERATION WHICH ALREADY EXISTS. "FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE NETHERLANDS CHOOSES AN AMERICAN FIGHTER, DASSAULT WILL NO LONGER FEEL COMMITTED TO CERTAIN AGREEMENTS SUCH AS REFRAINING FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE COMPETITIVE WITH THE FOKKER F-28 OR THE VFW-614."

4. EMBASSY TRANSLATION BEING POUCHED EUR/WE(BEIGEL).
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